(OMCs) are having 1,015 LPG distributorships in Uttar Pradesh and 306 LPG distributorships in Delhi as on 1.4.2004.

(b) The total customer strength with OMCs as on 1.4.2004 in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi was 77.75 lakh and 36 lakh respectively.

(c) The number of connections released by distributors of OMCs during the last three years in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi are as under:—

(Figure in lakhs)

Year	Uttar Pradesh	Delhi
2001-02	5.74	1.11
2002-03	7.05	1.47
2003-04	7.29	1.61

The district-wise information in respect of each agency is voluminous and is available with OMCs, in the offices of respective Directors (Marketing).

Tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Archipelago and Lakshadweep Islands

294. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to throw open the restricted Andaman and Nicobar Islands archipelago on the east coast and the coral lagoons of Lakshadweep islands on the west coast to private operators to build super resorts and luxurious hotels for the global, ritzy, ultra luxe traveller; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposed project and whether the national security aspects have been fully examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Government propose to synchronize developmental aspirations of the islands with conservation, preservation and security concerns based on the carrying capacity for high value, low volume tourism. The strategy for the same is being discussed with concerned agencies/departments.